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SUBJECT: ROC APPROACH ON POSSIBLE GOP-PRC RELATIONS

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B. TAIPEI 3195 (NOTAL)

1. I SPOKE TO FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO TODAY ABOUT CONCERN EXPRESSED BY ROC REGARDING PHILIPPINE INTENTIONS TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PEKING. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION AT GERMAN NATIONAL DAY, I TOLD HIM WE HAD RECEIVED ROC DEMARCHES IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND TAIPEI.

2. ROMULO SAID HEAD OF KUOMINTANG HAD ALSO COME TO MANILA TO PLEAD DIRECTLY WITH MARCOS. HE HAD NOT RPT NOT YET RECEIVED REPORT FROM RAMOS, BUT ASSUMED THAT HE, ALSO, WAS  
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GETTING STRONG GRC REACTION DURING HIS TALKS IN TAIPEI.

3. ROMULO SAID THAT GRC REACTION WAS MATTER OF SERIOUS CONCERN TO PHILS, BUT EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE THAT IT SHOULD BE SO CONCENTRATED AT THIS JUNCTURE, SINCE MARCOS AND HE HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY EXPRESSING THEIR INTENTION TO RECOGNIZE PEKING FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. PART OF THEIR PURPOSE IN DOING THIS WAS TO CUSHION THE EFFECT IN TAIPEI AND PERMIT GRC TO MAKE GRACEFUL ARRANGEMENTS IN TRANSITION.

4. I TOLD ROMULO THAT OUR INDICATIONS WERE THAT TAIPEI WOULD NOT RPT NOT CONTEMPLATE SOME "LESSER FORM" OF RELATIONS IF GOP RECOGNIZES PEKING. ROMULO SHRUGGED HIS SHOULDERS IN SOME DESPAIR AND SAID THAT MOVEMENT TOWARDS PEKING WAS IRREVERSIBLE. PHILS SERIOUSLY WISHED AVOID UNPLEASANT REPERCUSSIONS WITH TAIPEI AND HAD SENT RAMOS THERE TO "SMOOTH THE WAY." THEY WISH THE LEAST POSSIBLE DISRUPTION IN THEIR ASSOCIATIONS WITH GRC. THEY WOULD CONSIDER NEITHER PHIL NOR GRC INTERESTS WELL SERVED IF TAIPEI INSISTS ON TOTAL RUPTURE OF ALL CONTACTS.

5. COMMENT: ROMULO SEEMED GENUINELY UNHAPPY ABOUT TAIPEI ATTITUDE, AND SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT GRC APPEARS TO VIEW PHIL RECOGNITION IN DIFFERENT AND MORE EMOTIONAL LIGHT FROM MALAYSIAN MOVE. WHILE THIS ATTITUDE ON PART OF TAIPEI MAY SLOW DOWN MARCOS MOVES TOWARDS PEKING EVER SO SLIGHTLY, IT WILL NOT, IN MY JUDGMENT, DEFLECT THEM IN THE VERY LEAST FROM THEIR ENEXORABLE OBJECTIVE. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT GRC CAN BE PERSUADED TO AVOID SPLENETIC SORT OF REACTION WHICH FOLLOWED JAPANESE COMMERCIAL AIR AGREEMENT AND WORK OUT SOME QUIET MEANS OF MAINTAINING TRADE, INVESTMENT, AIR AND SEA NAVIGATION ARRANGEMENTS, AS WELL AS ACTIVE ASSOCIATION WITH LARGE AND POWERFUL CHINESE COMMUNITY IN PHILIPPINES. IF TAIPEI ADOPTS A CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE, MANILA WILL BE PREPARED GO LONG WAY IN PRESERVING SUCH GRC INTERESTS. IF, ON OTHER HAND, GRC MAINTAINS ITS CURRENT TRUCULENCE, PEKING WILL BE THE ONLY WINNER IN THE TRANSACTION.  
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